

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT 

LUND 

THOMPSON 

TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....February 21, 2006

Members Present..... Commissioner Betty Lund and
Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Commissioner Greg Chilcott attended a meeting in Helena in regard to the proposed land exchange in the Sula Area.

The Board met with Bryce Christiaens, the Noxious Weed Coordinator for Ravalli County. Bryce is the new weed coordinator and has been with the county for four months now. Bryce relayed he has hired an education intern by the name of Lindsey Bona. Lindsey will work in the schools on noxious weed education. Bryce has also been working with Julie Schreck with the Bitterroot National Forest in regard to school outreach and community education for the Resource Advisory Committee. He is also working on education material that is geared toward the newcomers in the valley. Bryce is working on a Natural History Discovery Day that will include a river float trip and appreciation barbecue centering on education of weeds in Western Montana.

Lastly, Bryce indicated he is working with residents of the Grantsdale area on a new weed that is common to that particular area. He is also working with the Planning Department in regard to the management plans for subdivisions.

In administrative matters the Board addressed the following:

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to re-appoint Ronna Fuller and Linda Perry to the Animal Control and Protection Board with terms ending 12/31/08. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt the December and January claims and payroll in the amounts as follows:

December claims - \$517,301.37
December payroll - \$849,240.72
January claims - \$634,264.45

January payroll - \$746,977.06.

Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt the radon contract with the State Department of Environmental Quality and Ravalli County as reviewed by Environmental Health Director Theresa Blazicevich. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Bill Rothie of Daly Leach Chapel met with the board in regard to a request for Indigent Burial funds for Vergil C. Winters. Bill indicated Mr. Winters is a veteran and has had little or no contact with his son who lives in California. The son has indicated he wants no part of the funeral for his father, but granted permission for a cremation. There are several Bitterroot Valley Residents who want to participate in the funeral, and Bill will prepare the paper work for a Veteran's burial which entitles Mr. Winters to receive \$600.00. Bill stated if they receive \$600.00 for the veteran's burial; the county will be reimbursed that amount. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay \$998.00 per contract amount for the indigent burial of Vergil C. Winters. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1798, which allows the sale of four pick up trucks that have been utilized by the Road Department. It is noted that these pickups are no longer necessary for conducting county business. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of the following budget transfers:

- Resolution No. 1799 for budget year 2006, transferring \$20,000.00 into line item 4005 for a fleet management fund
- Resolution No. 1800 for budget year 2006, transferring monies into the motor pool usage account
- Resolution No. 1801 for budget year 2006, in the amount of \$14,735.00 due to an error in the original budget. Debt was incorrectly budgeted to the Courthouse building on Bedford Street and it should have been budgeted to the Administrative building.
- Resolution No. 1802 for budget year 2006, transferring \$60,020.00 into the 2382 fund for budget transfer for debt
- Resolution No. 1803 for budget year 2006, transferring monies for the Riverfront Counseling contract.
- Resolution No. 1804 for budget year 2006, transferring funds within the Planning Office

Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and voted "aye".

In other business the Board addressed the equipment and back taxes owed by one of the contractors that are working on the water and sewer connection at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Lund will visit with County Attorney George Corn in regard to monies for this public works job.

The Board met with Road Supervisor David Ohnstad in regard to a discussion and decision on quotations for property appraisal. David stated they received two bids for the six appraisals of properties located in Ravalli County. The properties are as follows:

- Three lots in the central portion of Corvallis with an older shop structure
- An abandoned gravel mine (3.33 acres) off of Owing Creek Road in Hamilton
- An abandoned gravel mine (2.5 acres) off of Sweathouse Creek in Victor
- 16 acres located along Camp 3 Road in Stevensville
- 10.24 acres located south of Darby
- A former gravel mine (3.34 acres off of Gold Creek Loop in Hamilton)

Kembel, Kosena & Company bid these properties for appraisal purposes at \$10,000.00 as did Joki & Associates in the amount of \$22,000.00.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the bid from Kembel, Kosena & Company for the appraisal of the six properties in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

It was noted that these properties have been utilized by the Road and Bridge Department, and as such the appraisals will be paid for out of the Road Department budget and the money from the sale of these parcels will be deposited into the Road Department budget. Discussion included property number five, located south of Darby that is the result of tax deed liens and any trade of that property will need to be addressed by legal counsel.

David also addressed a letter from the Bitterroot National Forest to Bitterroot Engineering and Design in regard to the inability of allowing a subdivision to access off of a Forest Service Road. David will be visiting with the Forest Service tomorrow and will address this issue.

There was some discussion of the letter received from Milton Datsopoulos and William VanCanagan, Attorneys at Law in regard to the pro-rata share amount for a pending subdivision on Golf Course Road, named Arrow Hill II. It was agreed the Board needs to review recovery costs for properties that have potential benefits when properties change hands, or for other developments that are proposed at a later date. Glenda will contact County Attorney George Corn for a meeting with the Board, Road Department and Planning.

The Board addressed appraising the building that is currently housing the Youth Court at 3rd and Bedford. After a review of the lease with Bibler Apartments and the Montana Statutes, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to move forward with the appraisal of the building by Kembel, Kosena & Company in the amount of \$3,500.00; as per 7-8-2202. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye". Glenda will prepare a memo to County Attorney George Corn in regard to this approval and Commissioner Lund will contact Helen Ann Bibler in regard to this appraisal approval.

In other business, Commissioner Lund attended a JSEC meeting during the afternoon hours.

Commissioner Lund met with the Elections Administrator and staff in order to review the handicap accessibility of polling places in Ravalli County.

Commissioner Chilcott and Commissioner Lund attended a meeting with the Missoula County Commissioners in regard to impact fees at the Florence Carlton School District Office during the late afternoon hours.

The Board made a site visit to the Thomas Subdivision.